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OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED IN RABUN COUNTY ON PROPOSED WIDENING OF US 441/SR 15

RABUN GAP, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a public information open house meeting to discuss the proposed widening of US 441/State Route 15 from Clayton to North Carolina. The open house is scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20.

This open house format meeting will be held at Rabun Gap – Nacoochee School in the Rearden Theater, located at 161 Nacoochee Drive in Rabun Gap. Georgia DOT engineers will be available to discuss the proposed project. There will be no formal presentation. "This project will improve the traffic flow through the area by creating additional lanes for vehicles and adding bike lanes. Sidewalks will be added on each side of the roadway within the towns of Mountain City and Dillard. Please come see the plans and let us know what you think," said DOT District Engineer Russell McMurry.

Anyone unable to attend the public information open house may send comments on the project to Glenn Bowman, Georgia DOT, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, GA, 30336. All comments will be considered in the development of the final project design and must be received by September 3. After the open house, plans can be viewed at the Georgia DOT Area Office located at 4304 Toccoa Highway in Clarkesville.

After the meeting, the plans will be available on the DOT website at www.dot.ga.gov. On the home page choose "Public Outreach" and select the project's county and choose "Go". A list of DOT projects in that county will appear and you can select the one you'd like to view.

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